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Honorable Richard Helms Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

Early next month, the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee will begin our review of security classification problems affecting exemption (b)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

As part of these hearings we will examine the way in which the President's new Executive Order 11652 will affect the economic and efficient operation of our security classification system, the rationale behind its provisions, and alternatives to the present approach to this problem.

We would appreciate your designating a witness from your agency who is intimately familiar with the above-mentioned subject areas to appear at our hearing on Friday, May 5, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

I would suggest that the designated witness or witnesses contact our Subcommittee Staff Director, Mr. William G. Phillips, if there are any questions concerning the scope or details of the Subcommittee's inquiry. He may be reached on 225-3741.

With best regards,

Sincerely.

WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD

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